

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPENDITURE REFORMS COMMISSION REPORT

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) has submitted its third report in addition to earlier reports;
- (b) if so, the salient feature of the third report;
- (c) the progress made in the implementation of earlier reports; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government on the recommendations made by the Commission in the third report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The third report deals with restructuring of the Department of Economic Affairs including its attached and subordinate offices.
- (c) As regards the first report, the recommendation regarding modification of economic cost of wheat and rice, has been implemented. The remaining reports have already been forwarded to the concerned Ministries/Departments for examination/implementation
- (d) On the basis of recommendations made in the third report of ERC, the Government has announced abolition of 3 Secretary/Special Secretary level posts, 2 Joint Secretary level posts and 44 posts of the level of Director and below, in the Department of Economic Affairs. In addition, abolition of 1675 posts in the Currency & Coinage Division and downsizing of the National Savings Organisation from a level of 1191 staff to about 25 has also been announced.